CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CLAIMANT FILE A CERTIFICATE OF A QUALIFIED EXPERT AS TO THAT DEFENDANT.

- (C) (1) UPON WRITTEN REQUEST BY THE CLAIMANT AND A FINDING OF GOOD CAUSE BY THE COURT, THE COURT MAY WAIVE OR MODIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE FILING OF THE CERTIFICATE OF A QUALIFIED EXPERT.
- (2) THE TIME FOR FILING THE CERTIFICATE OF MERIT OF A QUALIFIED EXPERT SHALL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THE COURT RULES ON THE REQUEST AND, ABSENT AN ORDER TO THE CONTRARY, THE CERTIFICATE SHALL BE FILED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE COURT'S RULING.
- (D) DISCOVERY BY THE DEFENDANT AS TO THE BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE OF A QUALIFIED EXPERT SHALL BE AVAILABLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to extend or otherwise modify any applicable statute of limitation or statute of repose.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any claim filed before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved May 12, 1998.

## **CHAPTER 453**

(House Bill 200)

AN ACT concerning

## Personnel - Maryland Transportation Authority Police Force

FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law placing the Maryland Transportation Authority Police Force in the State Personnel Management System and other related personnel provisions; clarifying that the Maryland Transportation Authority Police Force is part of the Transportation Services Human Resources Personnel System; and generally relating to the Maryland Transportation Authority Police Force.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 2-103.4(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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